

**APPROVED**  
**COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES**  
**MEETING MINUTES OF**  
**October 26, 2009**

**TIME**           The meeting convened at 6:35 P.M.

**PRESENT**       Chair Lord-Hausman, Commissioners Fort, Kirola and Tam.

**ABSENT**       Vice-Chair Moore and Commissioner Krongold.

**MINUTES**

The September 28, 2009 minutes were approved as submitted.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

Chair Lord-Hausman read an email sent from Anne Steiner regarding individuals with disabilities who are able to get full-service when pumping gas. Ms. Steins wants to know if there are any gas stations in Alameda that do this? Chair Lord-Hausman suggested the CDI look into this by querying or sending letters to various owners of gas stations.

Commissioner Tam suggested sending a letter to the President of Chevron.

Commissioner Kirola suggested visiting each gas station and asking what is the policy to assist the disabled with a placard?

Chair Lord-Hausman agreed that a personal visit would be more expedient. Chair Lord-Hausman will put together a list of all gas stations in Alameda to track and will look up vehicle code for CDI.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Leisure Club Presentation (Marcia Tsang, AR&PD):**

Presentation regarding the Alameda Recreation and Park Department's Leisure Club.

Chair Lord-Hausman learned about this while working on the CDI Fair and invited Danielle Grimm and Marcia Tsang from AR&PD to give more information.

Marcia provided a handout and described it as a social recreation program for developmentally disabled adults. This meets twice a month and provides transportation and is free.

Chair Lord-Hausman asked about the age group and number of participants, to which Danielle Grimm confirmed that they have 36 registered adults. Marcia confirmed that there is a wait-list with up to 6 people on that list.

Chair Lord-Hausman asked about the staffing to which Ms. Grimm responded that it is all done

through AR&PD with three staff and volunteers throughout the year.

Commissioner Kirola asked if visitors were allowed to attend to which Marcia responded “yes”.

Danielle Grimm distributed the Fall/Winter 2009 brochure.

Commissioner Kirola asked if they promote jobs for participants to which Marcia responded they could apply for jobs through Park & Recreation to benefit the program and the participants.

Commissioner Tam asked if one moves into Alameda how would they find out to which Marcia replied it is listed in the AR&PD Activity Guide and they inform individuals if they call.

Chair Lord-Hausman asked if they had more funding and staffing could they open it up to more people to which Marcia stated that they want to keep it intimate and not overwhelm the participants.

Ms. Grimm added that they have only two hours filled with a lot of activity.

Chair Lord-Hausman requested copies of the upcoming Fundraiser Boutique on November 7<sup>th</sup> to which Marcia responded affirmatively.

Commissioner Tam asked if there is any collaboration with the School District to which Marcia responded affirmatively, especially with the adult school.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **1. Special Needs-Special Services Resource Fair (Commissioner Krongold):**

Report out regarding the Special Needs-Special Services Resource Fair.

Chair Lord-Hausman asked that each member who attended to give their impressions. There will also be a planning committee meeting to discuss the next Fair. There were 40 providers and 80-100 attendees.

Commissioner Tam suggested surveying vendors.

Commissioner Fort stated that it was a good first effort; very accessible and a lot of room to move around.

**2. Disability Awareness Month Tree Planting (Vice-Chair Moore):**

Update on tree planting and memorial for Adrienne Longley-Cook.

Chair Lord-Hausman stated that the tree planting is set for October 31, 2009 at 10:00 A.M. at Lincoln Park. An invitation was sent to Commissioner Adrienne Longley-Cook's husband who will attend. Vice-Chair Moore will give a speech.

**3. Alameda Hospital Fair (Commissioner Kirola):**

Report out regarding the Alameda Hospital Health Fair.

Commissioner Kirola stated that everything went well and the interaction was great. She received some comments from citizens regarding cracks in the sidewalks. Commissioner Kirola invited her to attend the CDI meeting which she declined. There were lots of elderly people interested in Alameda Municipal (AMP) rates. Social Services Human Relations Board (SSHRB) list of resources drew a lot of interest.

**Note:** The disabled button on AFD (1300 Park Street) doesn't work. Secretary Akil will notify AFD.

**STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Secretary Akil confirmed that she will check if the Resource Directory can be placed onto the City's website.
2. The next scheduled CDI meeting is Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 6:30 P.M. Secretary Akil stated that she will call CDI members on November 28<sup>th</sup> to confirm the December 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Chair Lord-Hausman stated that the election of Chair and Vice-Chair would occur at the January 25, 2010. Secretary Akil stated that she would mail out a memo and election form with a request that it be returned prior to the January meeting.
2. Chair Lord-Hausman attended the October 26<sup>th</sup> monthly Paratransit Advisory Planning Committee (PAPCO) meeting and requested that this item be added on the agenda under Old Business as a regular agenda item.
3. Chair Lord-Hausman discussed shuttle service for Alameda to assist elderly/disabled to and from Medical appointments. There is a collaboration between cities in Alameda County regarding service delivery with reduced funding, primarily for transportation.

4. Chair Lord-Hausman noted that a “Coast to Coast” prescription program was introduced where one can get up to 65% discount on prescriptions and a portion of the revenue comes back to Alameda County.
5. California Assembly Member Ma initiated a bill to stop “Fake and Forged” disabled placards. Governor Schwarznegger signed the bill on October 1, 2009 and there will be fines of up to \$1,000 for misuse.
6. Commissioner Tam provided the CDI with his background information.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucretia Akil  
Board Secretary